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The Fighters for Freedom Association (Szabadsá harcos Szövetség) has branches in every locality and in every enterprise in Hungary. Members of this organization include civilians, the military forces and the police force. Membership is "voluntary" and is not restricted to Communist Party members. Intensive propaganda and agitation is being carried on to increase membership. Every new applicant has to be recommended by two established members of the organization.  the number of members in the whole country at between 80 to 100 thousand civilians. The age for membership for men is 16 to 60 years, for women 16 to 40 years.

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Organization

2. The Fighters for Freedom Association is, for political training purposes, under the direction of the Headquarters of the Communist Party. As far as military training is concerned this organization is under the direction of the Defense Ministry. The leader of the Fighters for Freedom Association is Major General (Altábornagy) Sándor Nográdi. The headquarters of this organization is located in the 5th sector in Budapest, on Szabadság Tér 12. The headquarters is known as the Fighters for Freedom Association's Center (Szabadság Harcos Szövetség Központja). Directly under this national headquarters are the county headquarters of this organization (Megyei Parancsnokság). There are 17 county headquarters.

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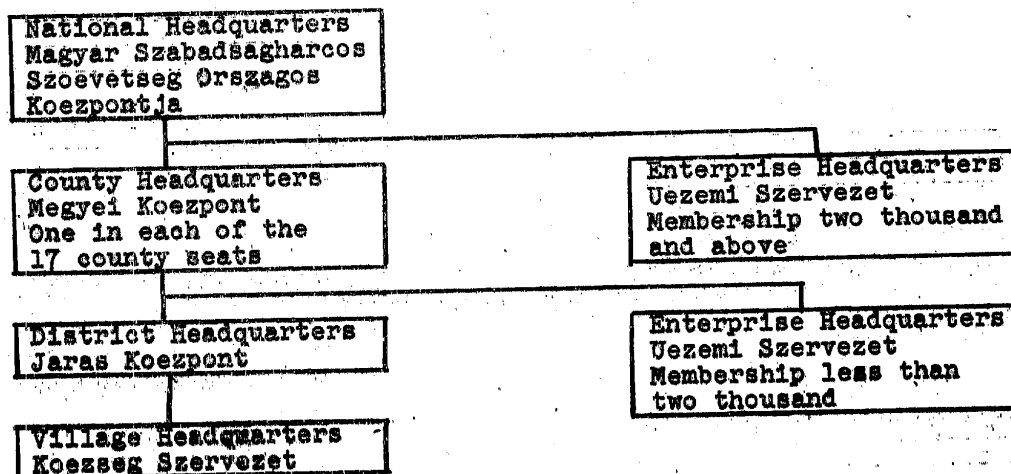
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Under the county headquarters are the district headquarters (Jaras Parancsnoksag). Under the district headquarters are the village organizations. This organization follows the administrative organization of the country. Industrial enterprises with two thousand and more members in this organization are subordinated directly under the national headquarters in Budapest. Industrial enterprises with less than two thousand members in the organization are subordinated directly to the respective county headquarters. Following is the organizational breakdown:



3. The National Headquarters (Budapest) of this organization is composed of the following departments:
- (a) The office of the Commander (Foeparancsnoksag).
  - (b) The Political Department (Politikai Osztaly).
  - (c) Personnel Department (Szemelyzeti Osztaly).
  - (d) Organization Department (Szervezesi Osztaly).
  - (e) Training Department (Kikepzesi Osztaly).
  - (f) Press and Propaganda Department (Sajto es Propaganda Osztaly).
  - (g) Material Department (Anyagi Osztaly).
  - (h) Arms and Ammunition Department (Fegyver es Loeszaki Osztaly).
  - (i) Teaching Department (Oktatasi Osztaly).
  - (j) Inspection Department (Ellenoerzoe Osztaly).
  - (k) Auto Department (Motoros es Gepjarmu Szakosztaly).
  - (l) Parachute Department (Ejtoernyoes Szakosztaly).
  - (m) Radio and Telephone Department (Radio es Tavbeszelo Szakosztaly).
  - (n) Engineers Department (Mueszaki Szakosztaly).
  - (o) National Organizations Department (Videki Szervezetek Osztaly).
  - (p) Administration Department (Seged Hivatal).

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4. The County Headquarters are composed of the following departments:
  - (a) The Office of the Commander
  - (b) Political Department
  - (c) Personnel Department
  - (d) Organization Department
  - (e) Training Department
  - (f) Materials Department
  - (g) Arms and Ammunition Department
  - (h) Teaching Department
  - (i) Inspection Department
  - (j) Auto Department
  - (k) Parachute Department
  - (l) Radio and Telephone Department
  - (m) Engineers Department
  - (n) Administration Department
5. The Fighters for Freedom Headquarters of enterprises with over two thousand members, have the following departments, which require daily part-time work only:
  - (a) The Office of the Commander
  - (b) Political Department
  - (c) Personnel Department
  - (d) Auto Department
  - (e) Radio and Telephone Department
  - (f) Training and Teaching Department
6. The district headquarters of this organization have the following sections, which operate, if necessary, on certain days of the week:
  - (a) The Office of the Commander
  - (b) Political Representative
  - (c) Registers Keeper (Nylvantarto)
  - (d) Auto Section
  - (e) Radio and Telephone Section
7. The small enterprise (less than two thousand members) headquarters of the Fighters for Freedom Association have the following sections, requiring part-time work if necessary:
  - (a) The Office of the Commander
  - (b) Political Representative
  - (c) Registers Keeper

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8. The Village Headquarters of this organization have the following sections, requiring part-time work if necessary:

- (a) The Office of the Commander
- (b) Political Representative
- (c) Registers Keeper

#### Training

9. All members of this organization receive basic military training, but only reliable members receive special "partisan" training. 25X1

Approximately 30 per cent of the members are reliable (sic). The younger members are furnishing the greater number of the reliable "partisan" trainees, since they are more susceptible to the Communist propaganda. 25X1

10. All the members of the Fighters for Freedom Association received basic infantry training. This training consisted of close order drill, manual of arms, marching and saluting. The trainees received instructions in the following: organization of the military units, map reading (orientation by compass, stars), camouflage practice, close combat, bayonet practices, hand grenade practices, signaling (with arms, whistle, rockets). The trainees were instructed in assembling and disassembling different arms such as pistols, machine pistols, rifles, light machine guns, anti-tank rifles, mortars, AAA machine guns, heavy machine guns. The trainees were also acquainted with hand grenades, knives, land mines, different types of explosives. Everybody was trained in firing all the above mentioned small arms, and hand grenades. Engineering training (construction of bridges) was also given. Political training was considered very important, emphasis being put on the History of the Communist Party, Biographies of the Communist leaders, History of the October Revolution, and the "aggressive imperialistic" plans of the Western Democracies. Members who volunteer are given auto drivers' training, auto mechanics' training, and radio telephone-telegraph training (this type of training is mostly given to women members). Younger members receive (upon volunteering) parachute training and glider pilot training. The reliable members are given special demolition work training. This special "partisan" type of training is based on the experiences of the Soviet Partisans during the last war. From 1 October to 1 May the training consists of theoretical instruction. This training is given two evenings a week (approximately three to four hours per evening). From 1 May to 1 October practical field training is given every Sunday (approximately three to four hours). The special training, such as auto driving, auto mechanics, parachute jumping, glider piloting, is given on specially scheduled days. On these days the trainees are excused from their regular work, but receive the regular pay for the time spent in training. The instructors at the training points are active or reserve military officers. Higher ranking officers (above Captain) are assigned to make inspections of the training points, and to report their observations at the respective headquarters. For the political phase of the training, the Party sends political instructors and inspectors to the training points. All the members of this organization have a record with complete biographical data and remarks on their proficiency in training. Three unjustified failures to report for training is reason to be dismissed from the organization. The weapons used in training are all Soviet types.

11. the Hungarian Government initiated this type of training for the following reasons: 25X1

- (a) To give preliminary military training to young men, before joining the armed forces.
- (b) To intensify the political beliefs and the fighting qualities of the members.
- (c) To have available trained reserves, on short notice, in case of war

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